



***MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST AND SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES***

DATE: August 20, 2004

PLACE: Department of Health
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, Washington 98504

Committee Members Present: Judy Roberts, Mental Health
Susan Bogni, Public Member
Alison Hadley, Social Worker
Lisa Erickson, Mental Health
Bethel Pittman, Public Member
Joyce Gaidies, Public Member
Cheryl Storm, Marriage and Family

Staff: Traci Black, Program Manager
Kitty Slater, Program Manager
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Peter Harris, Staff Attorney
Kathy Anderson, Financial Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Erickson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the June 11, 2004 meeting of the committee were approved as amended.

BUDGET AND FEE STUDY

Kathy Anderson, Financial Manager for Health Professions Quality Assurance Division, presented information to the committee about the process for fee studies and what is used to determine if a fee study is required. Of the three professions, the budget for Social Work has the largest fund reserve and will be reviewed for a possible fee study within the next year.

When considering fee increases or decreases, the budget is reviewed for revenue versus expenditures and the amount of reserve for the profession. The division completes 6 year forecasts to try and predict a professions future.

The current balance for each profession as of June 2004 is:

Social Work: \$527,372.00

Marriage and Family: \$311,912.00

Mental Health: \$392,616.00

The program will work with the division to request a fee study be conducted for the Social Work profession. The committee supported that work.

PROGRAM REPORT

License/Complaint/Discipline – Traci Black, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of August 16, 2004)

License Statistics:

Marriage/Family Therapist:

Active-914	Expired- 101	Candidates – 133
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Mental Health:

Active-4065	Expired-310	Candidates – 478
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Social Worker:

Active-2851	Expired-255	Candidates – 424
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Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics:

Total number of open cases:

Licensed Marriage/Family Therapist: 14

Licensed Mental Health: 39

Licensed Social Worker: 11

Rules Update – Ms. Black shared with the committee that there will be a public meeting scheduled for the CR101 process for the Sexual Misconduct rule and the Record Retention Rule in Spokane on September 28, 2004 and in Kent on October 15, 2004. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

The CR103 rules hearing for Supervision is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2004, depending on the review of the rule by the agency economist. Program will keep the committee apprised of the review.

The committee asked that a presentation be provided at the next meeting on the rules process.

Committee Appointments - Currently there are two vacant positions in the Licensed Counselors Committee for a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. The positions became vacant when Laura Groshong could no longer serve on the committee and Brian Kennedy's term expired. Mr. Kennedy has chosen to not seek re-appointment to the committee. Program staff has started the recruitment efforts to fill for the vacant positions on the Committee. Alison Hadley, Licensed Advance Social Worker and Susan Bogni, Public Member have terms that expired on July 22, 2004. Ms. Hadley and Ms. Bogni have requested to be re-appointed. Cheryl Storm's position as a Marriage and Family Therapist expires in July 2005 and Ms. Storm has made the decision that she will not be able to seek re-appointment.

2005 Meeting Dates –

The committee agreed on the following meeting dates for 2005:

January 21, 2005 in Tumwater

April 1, 2005 in Kent

June 10, 2005 in Tumwater

September 9, 2005 in Kent

November 4, 2005 in Tumwater

Miscellaneous – Ms. Black urged the committee members and members of the public to join the Department of Health, Licensed Counselors listserv program to become an interested person by logging onto the Access Washington website. This will be the standard for sharing information to the committee and interested persons so it is very important that members sign on to the list serve.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were shared as a part of the consent agenda:

Newsletter

Interpretive Statement on Social Work Distant Supervision

Child Custody Evaluations

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Any public comments were incorporated with the agenda items.

REVIEW OF MEETING

Hyon Yi reviewed the major points of the meeting.

TASK ASSIGNMENT AND FUTURE AGENDA BUILDING

The committee discussed task assignments and the agenda for the next meeting. These items will be incorporated in to the agenda and task worksheet.

BREAKOUT GROUP MEETINGS:

The following breakout groups met to discuss their topics.

Dual Relationships/Boundaries:

Judy Roberts

Traci Black

Curriculum:

Lisa Erickson

Cheryl Storm

Hyon Yi

Disclosure Brochure:

Alison Hadley

Bethel Pitman

Joyce Gaidies

Susan Bogni

Kitty Slater

BREAKOUT GROUP REPORT

Each lead for the break out groups reported the work of the group and assigned tasks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Traci Black, Program Manager

Lisa Erickson, Chair